



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re th	ne application of:	)	
	Takahiro ISHIHARA et al.	) ) )	roup Art Unit: 1756
Appln.	No.: 10/059,130	) E	xaminer: J. Dote
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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2003 (Paper No. 3) is due by May 26, 2003 (May 24, 2003 being a Saturday). Therefore, please accept this Request for Reconsideration as timely filed and fully responsive.

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated February 24, 2003 (Paper No. 3). Upon entry of this Request for Reconsideration, claims 1-8 will remain pending in this application. No new matter is incorporated by this Request for Reconsideration.

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly obvious based on Sano (U.S. Pat. No. 5,863,694) in view of Kumashiro (U.S. Pat. No. 5,176,978). Applicants respectfully traverse.